

more explosive situation than already exists. There has already been a breakdown in communication between the girl and the family. There has been an inability to inculcate in the girl and the boy, whoever he may be who is the father or a grown man, certain types of conduct are prohibited, they should not occur. But those kinds of conduct do occur and this is the result, an impregnated female who does not want to carry the pregnancy to term. So the Legislature, composed primarily of men, are going to say let the woman bear the burden of it, let her bring a child into a family that may not want the child, bring it into a family that cannot support the child and care for it. Denial of adequate nutrition can lead to permanent impairments-physical and mental. There is nothing in the abortion statute which lays any responsibility or burden on the man who has caused the woman to be pregnant. None of the forms say if the fathers name is known put the daddy's name on it. None of them say that. All the girl has to do is to sign a paper and say "I said that I talked to my parents". You can, besides putting her in the unfortunate position of having to try to force her to carry a pregnancy to term, you make a liar out of her. There is no penalty on her if she does not consult with her parents. All she has to do is engage in additional falsehood and sign a paper saying "I did consult with them". There is no penalty if she does not. You don't require the doctor to go back and check with the parents to see if she's telling the truth or a lie. So you're creating a hypocritical situation by putting words in the law that are not going to be enforced and that cannot be enforced and it will not accomplish what you have in mind. I think the amendment is reasonable and it ought to be adopted.

PRESIDENT: The question is the adoption of Senator Chambers first amendment. Record your vote. Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 9 ayes, 21 nays.

PRESIDENT: Motion fails. Next motion.

CLERK: Which one did you want to take up next?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Page 28.

CLERK: Is that the one that strikes lines 7 and 18.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

CLERK: Read Chambers amendment found on page 800 of the Journal). Also found on page 733 of the Journal.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Members of the Legislature. The part about striking the words "or prescribing", I don't know whether those words have been stricken yet or not because I haven't kept up with all of the amendments. I don't see where those words should be in the statute as part of a crime. If you prescribe, if a person other than a licensed physician prescribes an abortion then it is a class 4 felony. Have those words been stricken?

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp.